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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) Seishi Ejiri

Serial No.: Cont. of 08/733,493 Group Art 2756

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For: DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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pending application Serial No. 08/733,493 filed October 18, 1996.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1-17, without prejudice.

Please add NEW claims 18-54 as follows:

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18. (New) A data processing apparatus which performs a data process via
a local area network (LAN) and a communication line other than the LAN, comprising:
reception means for receiving data designated to a plurality of
receivers, from a transmission side via the communication line;